

## FINERTY'S PATRIOTIC LETTER.

**Wishes the Anglomaniacs Would Become Less British and More American.**  
From Washington Post.

EDITOR POST—I have read in the Post of this morning an article taken from the New York Times, and headed, "The Irish and the Alliance." The Times has never been remarkable for friendliness toward the Irish, but just now it suits its purpose to pat the Celtic wolf-hound on the head and say, "Good dog," after the manner of its kind. What right has it to doubt the "loyalty" of Irish-Americans? The trouble is that most of the Anglomaniacs hate the Irish because their "loyalty" to American institutions cannot be shaken. The Irish believe, with their illustrious countryman, Henry Grattan, that the United States is "the last refuge of the liberties of mankind." They oppose the alliance with England because they honestly believe that such a compact would destroy that "last refuge." The Tory wave of feeling now sweeping over the country threatens America with the humiliation of returning to the vomit of British rule which it threw up in 1776. There are "Americans" who mutilate the Stars and Stripes in order to stitch it to the English Union Jack. Congress should pass a law to hang such "Americans" as traitors, or else exile them perpetually from the country they disgrace. The only traitors to the American flag, constitution and laws are the Anglomaniacs. They talk of territorial extension in imitation of English imperialism. What's the matter with doing missionary work in Canada, Jamaica and Nassau—England's base of supply for blockade running during the civil war—in favor of annexation? There is a large annexation party in Canada, but it has received very little encouragement from us. The American people, or a large section of them, appear to be rapidly forgetting their history and traditions, and some of them have descended to the meanness of apologizing for our glorious past. They would eliminate from our school histories every reference to the war for independence. Every citizen who protests against the proposed "entangling alliance" is dubbed a "tail twister." Such cheap cant daunts only moral cowards. No man need be ashamed to be called a "tail twister" in common with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson and Ulysses Grant. Under the latter's administration England was made to pay \$15,000,000 for her piracy during the war of the rebellion.

Alliance with England would immediately stop Irish recruiting in our armies. In every engagement since this war began, as in all former wars, Irish blood has been shed for America. It is unnecessary to eulogize the Irish soldier. His record is the certificate of his valor and his devotion. I would hate, however, to see his constancy strained by forcing him to serve with British troops. Were it not for the strong counterpoise of military discipline, which no man more respects, the rattle of his gun would point toward the red coats as truly as the needle points to the pole. He would obey his officers, but his civilian brother would not volunteer to re-enforce him. No English alliance would make up for this defection. Instead of the Irish becoming "less Irish and more American," as the New York Times puts it, I sincerely wish the Anglomaniacs of the United States would become less British and more American. The Irish are the truest Americans on this soil today. They wish to keep the United States a Republic—they have no disposition toward imperial systems. They believe in vantage points, coaling stations and harbors of refuge for our ships in Hawaii, the Philippines, the West Indies and elsewhere, but they have no desire to grab territory from weak nations, after the British fashion. Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, in his speech favoring territorial expansion, while debating Hawaiian annexation in the House Wednesday, spoke of the "blessings" of civilization England carried with her in her imperial progress. He forget to mention the famines and massacres that have invariably attended her march around the globe.

India has not yet recovered from the depletion of the recent famines, whose victims were numbered by the million. Today the Irish-Americans are engaged in raising funds—see the Irish World, Boston Pilot, and other Irish-American publications—to save the Irish people of the coast regions in Connaught and Ulster from starvation. This, too, when England, by the acknowledgement of her own government commissioners, is robbing Ireland annually of \$15,000,000 in excess of her legitimate taxation. Oh, England is a beautiful country—to keep away from. God save America.

JOHN F. FINERTY.

## SPORTING NOTES.

It is almost too hot at this period of the year for the sweltering public to devote much thought to base-ball, pugilism and the sports, and besides the war has absorbed the attention of every one. In spite of these hindrances, the Case-Dobs fight is attracting a marked amount of interest. Especially will this be true in the event of Dobs winning over the Oregonian. Although Case was given a terrible beating before, and finally knocked completely out in the last round and almost the last ten seconds, he gave a good account of himself all the way through, and at no time after the second round did the colored man hold him cheap.

In New York there are several big fights on hand, not the least among them being the Ruhl-Sharkey contest, which is set for June 29. Maher and Goddard are soon to come together again, and unless another accident happens, what a slaughter it will be.

The battle between George Dixon and Ben Jordan will also prove a strong attraction, as it is an international affair. Jordan is the best feather-weight England has produced since Nunc Wallace.

"Kid" McCoy undoubtedly has, outside of Corbett, the best head for financial affairs of any man in the ring to-day. When any of the slick managers of athletic clubs get ahead of him they will have to stay up all night. The fight between the "Kid" and Choynski has been set for August 27.

There is some talk of bringing Lansing and McDonough together before the Kentucky Athletic Club for some time in July. McDonough is the man who fought a draw with "Australian Jimmy" Ryan last Derby night. A contest between him and Lansing ought to prove an exceedingly interesting contest.

Base-ball has suffered more than any other sport from the war, but then the poor showing of the Colonels has had a great deal to do with the falling off in attendance here in Louisville. The fans are getting tired of going down to the park year after year to watch a tail-end club get everlastingly lambasted by one of the other eleven clubs. Louisville has not had a winning team since it entered the big League, and something is radically wrong. If there is a hoodoo why don't some of the directors take steps to have that hoodoo discovered and done away with?

## MOSE GREENS IN CAMP.

The Mose Green Club opened its camp at Callahan's, on the river road above the Water-works, on Sunday. The camp may be reached either by driving along the river road or by the Narrow Gauge line. The Mose Greens are entertaining their friends free of charge. Pat Ahern, Frank McGrath and several other young Irish Americans are prominent in the Mose Greens.

## LAWLER'S NEW STORE.

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## AGAINST ALLIANCE.

**Congressman Champ Clark Enters a Vigorous Protest.**

In his great speech, delivered in the House of Representatives at Washington, on the Hawaiian annexation resolution, the Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri, said:

"Jingoism is more rapid in its progress than quick consumption. So virulent is it that many are now advocating an alliance with England—certainly the most preposterous idea that was ever hatched in the brain of man. Are we to give no heed to the lessons of history? Are we to scout the wisdom of the fathers? Are we to take leave of our senses because we are engaged in a struggle with a third-rate power, which if vigorously pressed will be gloriously concluded in time to celebrate our triumph on the Fourth of July next? Who is to be the gainer of such an arrangement? Certainly not America. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's gush about what an inspiring spectacle it would be to see our soldiers and British troops fighting together under the Star Spangled Banner and the Union Jack may be wisdom from his standpoint, but from ours it is sheer nonsense—unmitigated bosh. After thrashing Spain we have no enemies to fight, but England has a superabundance of them. Like the poor, they are always with her, because John Bull's longing eyes are always fixed on somebody else's possessions.

"An alliance with England! Have gentlemen considered what a partnership with that quarrelsome nation means? It means that our armies would soon be fighting against the French in Africa, against the Russians in Afghanistan, against the Germans in China, against the Japanese in Korea, against the Italians in the Mediterranean, against the Austrians in the Danube, and the Turks in the Golden Horn. The best blood of America would enrich foreign soil from the Punjab to St. Petersburg and from the Cape of Good Hope to the Land of the Midnight Sun. That is jingoism run mad. Is not that a ravishing picture? What mothers and fathers are willing to so sacrifice their sons? Who is going to pay the piper for such a wild dance? How can we be made happier, more prosperous or more puissant by such an amazing performance? Time and time again we have expressed our sympathy with down-trodden Ireland by speeches, by resolutions, by public meetings, by large contributions of cash, by every other method known among men short of sending an army for her liberation. In fact, the armed enemies of Great Britain have found a great deal of substantial aid in this country. Now as a part and parcel of this fantastic, grotesque and suicidal jingo scheme, we are to join hands with the merciless oppressors of the Irish race. God forbid that we should be such howling idiots."

The Hibernian Rifles and the Irish American Volunteers, of St. Paul Minn., were united, and the company will be known as the Irish-American Military Company. M. J. Costello presided. The Hibernian Rifles have been in existence sixteen years. The membership of the organization as it now stands is about 150. The organization is ready to volunteer.

## PHIL SHERIDAN, JR.

President McKinley has combined several good strokes by the action, recently taken, in behalf of "young Phil" Sheridan, to whom he has given an appointment to West Point; he has honored the memory of the nation's cavalry hero, gratified the desire of that hero's widow, promoted the ambition of the boy himself and probably secured to the military service of the country a youth whose inheritance, both of temperament and tradition, marks him out as one of our future great military men. For Young Phil is said to be "a veritable chip of the old block," short and stout in build; generous and quick-tempered in character, studious and inclined to scientific pursuits, he will probably grow even more like his father with increasing years. It had long been Mrs. Sheridan's desire that young Phil might enter West Point Academy on the fiftieth anniversary of his

father's entrance, which occurred July 1, 1848; but all previous efforts in that line had failed and she had almost given up when President McKinley heard of her wish, and it is owing to his good offices that the coming July 1 will see the entrance of Phil Sheridan's son and namesake. Hitherto he has been carefully trained under his mother's watchful eye, and his friends predict for him a brilliant military career.

## Irish News Notes.

The ruins of the Abbey and Castle at Donegal, of great historical and antiquarian interest, having been handed over to the Board of Works by Lord Arran, that body is expending 600 pounds renovating the walls. It is proposed to rebuild the archway of the old Abbey, which fell in some time ago. It is to be hoped an improvement committee, with the assistance of a patriotic public, will do something to alter the conditions of the tombs and graves which have fallen into disorder and decay, and to clear away the rank weeds and nettles which abound all over.

The members of the Limerick Corporation have commenced a good work—the renaming of their streets after patriotic Irishmen. This is a grand example for the towns and cities of Ireland. In nearly all the principal streets are named after English Kings and Queens, and after some local land magnates, the pillars of the British power in Ireland. It is time to change these, and Limerick has commenced the good business in an opportune time. It is hoped a clear sweep will be made of those reminders of British power and cruelty, and also of Irish degradation.

The Cashel '98 Club achieved a great success in their celebrating the memory of the heroes of '98 by a torchlight procession and illumination. An immense gathering assembled on the grounds of the Christian Brothers' schools, and formed into processional order, led by the club flag, on which the following legend appeared: "We speak of '98? Cashel

Centenary Memorial Club." Then followed the Cashel brass band, with members of the '98 club, wearing badges. Next came the Doheny Fife and Drum Band, in regalia, attended by torch-bearers, and followed by the '98 Club and the general public. The route of the procession was through the principal streets to the residence of Very Rev. Dean Kinand, where a stirring and patriotic speech was delivered by him. The sight was one seldom, if ever, exceeded in this old "City of the Kings."

## COMPANY DISBANDED.

Capt. R. T. Jacob's company of Home Guards have been mustered out of the service by order of Governor Bradley. There was no excuse for mustering in the company in the first place. Capt. Jacob himself is a soldier, but he surrounded himself with a set of men that did not know the barrel of a gun from a piece of cheese, and the only countersign they recognized was "Warm Lunch."

When Gov. Bradley called for a detachment of twenty men from this company to go to Manchester, Clay county, only eight men could be found. These eight went to Pewee Valley, where Assistant Adjutant General Forrester saw their inefficiency, and promptly rejected them.

The members of this company will not soon make another attempt to join the Home Guards or any other guards. The trip to Pewee Valley settled them for all time.

## TIERNEY'S NEW GROCERY.

Mr. T. J. Tierney, for many years connected with the Mammoth Grocery Company, has decided to embark in business for himself. Thursday last he opened a handsome store on Market street, between Second and Third, where he will be glad to welcome his old friends and patrons. Nothing but first-class foodstuffs will be handled.

## GOOD FOR JIM CASSIN.

Mr. James Cassin, formerly chief of the registry department at the Post-office, has recently entered the insurance field. Mr. Cassin is one of the most popular young Irish-Americans in the city. He has the energy and ability to make his mark in any field he enters.

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